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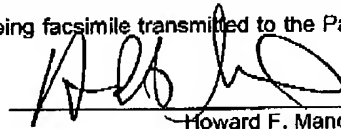
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/026,357
A Pipe or the Like, A Female End Ring, and a Method of
Manufacturing such a Pipe or the Like
Leblanc
Our Ref: MART0780US

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This communication is responsive to the office action mailed
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.